

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Knowles Jonathan Kenneth Charles  (Last) (First) (Middle) PARADIESSTRASSE 73, BINNINGEN  (Street) BASELLAND, V8 CH4102  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2016	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Adaptimmune Therapeutics PLC [ADAP]		
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Ordinary Shares with a nominal value of GBP0.001 per share	7,067,600	D	
Ordinary Shares with a nominal value of GBP0.001 per share (1)	70,584	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Option to purchase Ordinary Shares	05/11/2015	05/11/2025	Ordinary Shares	175,806	\$ 2.8379 (2)	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Knowles Jonathan Kenneth Charles PARADIESSTRASSE 73, BINNINGEN BASELLAND, V8 CH4102	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Kenneth Charles Knowles Name: Jonathan Kenneth Charles Knowles	[Signature]	01/04/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Represented by 11,764 American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") held by Dr. Knowles. Dr. Knowles holds these Ordinary Shares in the form of ADSs. Each ADS represents six Ordinary Shares of Adaptimmune Therapeutics plc.

(2) The exercise price was converted from GBP1.82 based on the noon buying rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the U.S. dollar on the date of grant. The actual exercise price will be the pounds sterling amount regardless of the exchange rate on the date of grant or of exercise.

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